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Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. – 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A content on demand server system adapted to:
deliver a first audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the first stream, the markers comprising position data in the first stream;
to receive from a set top box a marker obtained from the first stream and comprising position data for the first stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing, and upon a signal from the set top box to resume streaming of the first stream from a position proximate to the position data indicated by the marker;
to insert a particular number of markers into each time interval of the first stream; and
to communicate the particular number of markers per interval ~~[[in]]~~ of the first stream to the set top box in a second stream.

18. (Previously Presented) The content server of claim 17 further adapted to:
communicate the number of markers per interval in the first stream to the set top box in a quadrature amplitude modulated stream on a predetermined channel.

19. (Currently Amended) A set top box system adapted to:
receive a first audio and/or video stream, the first stream comprising markers indicating positions in the first stream;
~~[[to]]~~ communicate to a server system providing the first stream a marker obtained from the first stream and comprising position data at which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing of the first stream; and
~~[[to]]~~ extract from a second stream a number per interval of the markers indicating positions ~~per interval~~ in the first stream.

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20. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 19, further adapted to:
monitor the first stream for the number of markers per interval; and
if the number of markers per interval is not detected, to signal the server system to terminate the first stream.

21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
inserting a particular number of markers into each time interval of a first stream;
communicating the particular number of markers per each interval in the first stream to a set top box in a second stream[.];
delivering the first stream and ~~inserting markers in the first stream~~, the markers comprising position data in the first stream;
receiving from the set top box [[a]] one of the markers obtained from the first stream and comprising position data for the first stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing;
upon a signal from the set top box, resuming streaming of the first stream from a position proximate to the position data indicated by the marker.